

January 26, 2005
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. Bob Warren, the 2005 Meeting Chairman, opened the meeting with introductions. MDT was given an opportunity to discuss new business and then the group went through the agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS FROM MDT

- 1. Pre-permitting by Environmental Bureau.** MDT informed MCA that the Environmental Bureau is currently trying to look at ways of avoid permits or pre-permitting. Environmental Bureau will look at projects during the development phase. MDT feels this should avoid delays, which MCA agreed with. Jean Riley Environmental Bureau Chief will be the lead.
- 2. Materials Manual Update.** MDT stated that the Materials Bureau would no longer send out the Materials Packet, rather, it would be updated on the Materials Website where contractors can obtain it. All new tests will be highlighted.
- 3. Updated 406 Forms for Steel.** In an effort to pay close attention to Buy America Steel, MDT has revised the Form 406. The old 406 had four categories of steel and the new 406 form has two categories. Category 1 will have structure steel and higher dollar steel items, which will still require submission of all steel certificates. Category 2 will have all other steel items not in Category 1 and the contractor is required to provide the steel certificates upon request.
- 4. Draft Specification for Glass Cullet in CAC.** MDT informed MCA that there is a draft specification that allows the use of glass cullet in CAC. MDT stated that they are leaning towards making this specification end result and rely on the contractor to get the desired product. MDT will give updates at future meetings.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Temporary Sign Supports.** MDT is currently looking at different criteria for allowing Temporary Sign Supports past the 90-day limit such as speed limits, clear zones and guardrail. MDT stressed that this is a safety issue and asked MCA for comments on what kind of criteria would allow the supports to stay in place.
- 2. Traffic Control Units.** The special provision has been implemented and is now in all contracts.
- 3. Chip Seal Gradation.** MCA asked MDT to consider change ordering in the old gradations so that old piles can be used up. MDT will look at this concern on a case-by-case basis.
- 4. Annual Grade S Review.** The Grade S forum will follow the Bid Letting on January 27th.
- 5. Magnesium Chloride.** MDT received MCA's comments on this spec and modified the language. MDT expects this to be implemented soon after the January meeting.
- 6. Select Backfill Gradation.** MDT requested additional information and comments from MCA.
- 7. 100% incidental item.** MCA requested that MDT specify in what pay item the incidental work will be absorbed. MDT requested some comments from MCA for consideration.

8. **Major Item.** MDT received MCA's comments and incorporated the majority of them.
9. **Bid Express.** MDT informed MCA that there would be another test letting in February and one or two parallel lettings after that. Bid Express will be an optional form of bid submission. MDT has formally distributed proposed language within the specifications to allow the option to use Bid Express.
10. **Erosion Control.** MDT informed MCA that the BMP rate schedule has been completed and should be out. MDT will continue working on this annually and will welcome all comments. MCA feels there should be some kind of a pay item for maintenance on Erosion Control. MDT asked for specific examples and reasons. Routine maintenance can be included in the bid and unusual events are covered in other ways (force account).
11. **Qualified Products List.** MDT is still working on this. The Department expects the list to be small at first and then grow quickly as new materials are added.
12. **¾" Crushed Top Surfacing.** MDT is still waiting for the new AASHTO design guidelines before making a decision.
13. **PLS or PE on Surveys.** MDT is currently looking into this internally. MDT will give an update at the next meeting.
14. **Utility Task Force.** MDT feels that the group should form a task force find how to make the Utility process more efficient. MDT wants to look at the current legislation and see what opportunities are there for things to get done contractually. MCA wants MDT to organize a group of its people for this task force and discuss meeting after the next meeting.

The next meeting will be **February 23rd, 2005**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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